

CORRECTION

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Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Six bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1383–1388. **Page S4675**

Measures Reported:

S. 745, to amend title 38, United States Code, to protect certain veterans who would otherwise be subject to a reduction in educational assistance benefits, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Measures Considered:

Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 2055, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Pending:

Coburn (for McCain) Amendment No. 553, to eliminate the additional amount of \$10,000,000, not included in the President's budget request for fiscal year 2012, appropriated for the Department of Defense for planning and design for the Energy Conservation Investment Program.

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Johnson (SD) Modified Amendment No. 556, of a perfecting nature.

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Vitter Amendment No. 568, to provide that none of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act may be obligated or expended at a rate higher than the level of the Senate and House of Representatives concurrent budget resolution for fiscal year 2012.

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Wyden/Merkley Amendment No. 570, to provide for the closure of Umatilla Army Chemical Depot, Oregon.

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Coburn Amendment No. 564, to require evidence of causal relationships for presumptions by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs of service connection for diseases associated with exposure to certain herbicide agents.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, July 20, 2011; provided further, that at 12 p.m., on Wednesday, July 20, 2011, Senator Johnson (SD), be recognized to move to table Vitter Amendment No. 568 (listed above); and that there be no amendments or points of order in order to the Vitter amendment prior to the vote on the motion to table.

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Recess: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and recessed at 6:54 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 20, 2011. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4679.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Madelyn R. Creedon, of Indiana, to be an Assistant Secretary for Global Strategic Affairs, who was introduced by Senators Lugar and Bingaman, and Alan F. Estevez, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Logistics and Materiel Readiness, both of the Department of Defense, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine enhanced consumer financial protection after the financial crisis, after receiving testimony from Mike Calhoun, Center for Responsible Lending, Durham, North Carolina; Marcus Schaefer, Truliant Federal Credit Union, Winston-Salem, North Carolina; Albert C. Kelly, Jr., American Bankers Association, Tulsa, Oklahoma; Lynn Drysdale, Jacksonville Area Legal Aid, Jacksonville, Florida; and Andrew Pincus, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, and Adam J. Levitin, Georgetown University Law Center, both of Washington, D.C.

THE FUTURE OF NATURAL GAS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the recent report of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) energy initiative entitled “The Future of Natural Gas”, after receiving testimony from Howard Gruenspecht, Acting Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy; Ernest J. Moniz, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge; and George Biltz, The Dow Chemical Company, Midland, Michigan.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Kenneth J. Kopocis, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, and Rebecca R. Wodder, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish and Wildlife, who was introduced by Senator Cardin, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of David S. Adams, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, who was introduced by Representative Ackerman, and Joyce A. Barr, of Washington, to be Assistant Secretary for Administration, both of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

UNITED STATES POLICY IN YEMEN

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South and Central Asian Affairs concluded a hearing to examine United States policy in Yemen, after receiving testimony from Janet A. Sanderson, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Near Eastern Affairs, and Daniel Benjamin, Coordinator for Counterterrorism, both of the Department of State; Christa Capozzola, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance, U.S. Agency for International Development; Christopher Boucek, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, and Daniel R. Green, The Washington Institute for Near East Policy, both of Washington, D.C.

SPRING STORMS OF 2011

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Disaster Recovery and Intergovernmental Affairs concluded a hearing to examine 2011 spring storms, focusing on picking up the pieces and building back stronger, after receiving testimony from Richard Serino, Deputy Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security; Christopher Masingill, Federal Co-Chairman, Delta Regional Authority, Clarksdale, Mississippi; David Maxwell, Arkansas Department of Emergency Management Director and State Homeland Security Advisor, North Little Rock; Thomas M. Womack, Mississippi Emergency Management Agency Executive Director, Pearl; and Brian O'Brian, Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce, Joplin, Missouri.

DRUG AND VETERANS TREATMENT COURTS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime and Terrorism concluded a hearing to examine Drug and Veterans Treatment Courts, focusing on seeking cost-effective solutions for protecting public safety and reducing recidivism, after receiving testimony from Benjamin B. Tucker, Deputy Director for the Office of State, Local and Tribal Affairs, Office of National Drug Control Policy, Executive Office of the President; Jeanne E. LaFazia, Rhode Island District Court Chief Judge, Providence; Douglas B. Marlowe, National Association of Drug Court Professionals, Alexandria, Virginia; David B. Muhlhausen, The Heritage Foundation, Washington, D.C.; and Martin Sheen, Los Angeles, California.